

Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District

Fact Sheet

General Information: The Bonner Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1946 to provide voluntary land water conservation, technical and financial assistance to landowners and users. They have assisted cooperators in classifying rangeland, proper fertilization methods, residue management, woodland management and irrigation practices.

Mission (or Function):

- Set high standards for the wise use of the natural resources
- Make technical, financial and educational resources available and coordinate them to meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

FY 2015 Accomplishments:

- Lake Assist (LASO and Pend Oreille Basin Commission (POBC) Joint Projects, including monitoring Priest River for nutrients, and launching a floating island at Waterlife Discovery Center pond to decrease phosphorus and nutrients in water.
- Tree Seedling Sale – conifer tree seedling sales increased from 34,970 in 2014 to 67,180 in 2015.
- 3rd boat inspection station opened at Clark Fork (2 mussel boats intercepted there).
- Over 10,000 willows were harvested for the Delta project. Willows were planted in the spring, and planting success was very high.
- Idaho State Forestry Contest: 410 students, 18 schools, 200 volunteers. Competition covers 10 forestry related areas.
- 20th Anniversary of Pend Oreille Water Festival: 400 5th graders, 5 sections of learning, 2-day event. Expanded NW Explorer station now includes orienteering, and expanded Water Quality station now includes aquatic invasive species.

Future Plans and Projects:

- Monitor status of East Spring Creek fish hatchery decommissioning in preparation of submitting 319 grant for road and streambank stabilization along East Spring Creek Road.
- Projects next year include another UI stream health class and tour of stream restoration projects, managing 3 boat inspection stations, selling AIS stickers, the annual tree seedling sale, Pend Oreille Water Festival, Idaho State Forestry Contest, and Waterlife Discovery Center classes.
- Continue to work with other agencies and organizations to determine priority projects in the County.



Floating Island installation at Waterlife Discovery Center

FY 2015 District Funding:

State	\$20,561
County Funding	\$8,000
State grants	\$273,944
Private funding/Projects	\$58,889
Landowner/Volunteer match	\$90,525
Total	\$451,919